

# **ATTACHMENT**

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The Honorable Anita B. Brody  
United States District Court for Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
James A. Byrne United States Courthouse  
601 Market Street, Room 7613  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

**Letter in Support of New Agreement in NFL Concussion Settlement**

Dear Judge Brody:

The Class was recently notified of an agreement that essentially ends the use of race-norming and provides some remedies for Black players harmed by this egregious practice. We recognize the Court's role in the negotiations and believe, without its intervention, this result would not have been achieved. As the agreement provides needed benefits today to many Black players and their families, we join in the request that this agreement be approved.

We are cautiously optimistic that the agreement represents a good first step for many former players, *but deep concerns remain*.

This agreement resulted because we and the press brought public attention, and the Court recognized the need to allow lawyers who identified the discrimination to participate in the resolution process. However, more sunlight is necessary if the Court is going to rebuild trust with the Class. Many players feel burned by the race-norming issue as well as confused by denial of benefits for significantly impaired players. Increased participation from the stakeholders is necessary. This participation should include both formal (advisory committee) and informal review with players and their families

We recognize that the agreement results from negotiations and no side achieves all their goals, but certain important matters remain unaddressed:

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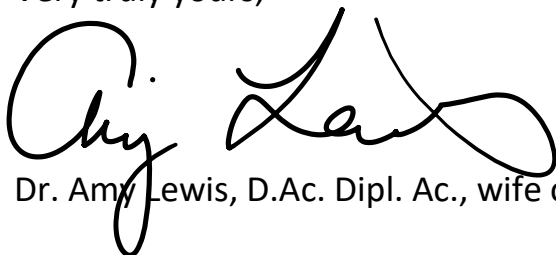
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- There were no Black players, the primary stakeholders, in the negotiations regarding race-norming. There are no provisions for the role of Black players or their private counsel in the implementation of the agreement. There is also no expressed role for *all* players to be represented in the development of new norms.
- Former players have been seriously harmed or worse by race-norming in the Settlement. The NFL has refused to even acknowledge that their conduct in promoting race-norms was wrong. This conduct results in harm beyond what is addressed in the agreement. We would hope that the agreement would address this serious omission rather than force individuals to seek redress through other avenues. We understand that the NFL has not been released from this type of claim, but we believe that this matter should have been addressed in the agreement.
- It is highly unusual that a single firm is making decisions on behalf of an entire Class. We would like to see a team approach for class representation going forward. Collective thinking can yield significantly better results in addition to fostering trust and good will.

Finally, we are deeply concerned that many players are not aware of the benefits provided by this agreement or the Concussion Settlement. Many of these players are unrepresented and significantly impaired. It is vital that new and continuous efforts be made to reach these former NFL players. It is tragic when a player or his family could have received benefits and we only find out that the player was suffering because he received a CTE diagnosis post-mortem.

We do appreciate the opportunity to be heard and request that this letter be placed on the docket.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Lewis', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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